

The Charity of the Crucified Christ

LOVE is the absolute foundation stone upon which the Sacred Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ rests! The salvation of souls was ? and is ? the sole and all important purpose and reason of the inestimably serious undertaking of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. If we believe in Jesus Who is God we must with equal vigor believe in Lucifer who is Satan, and also with equal vigor must believe that Satan's greatest motivating reason is to capture souls away from God Almighty! The Passion and Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ finally gave back to Mankind the light and freedom and Salvation which he had lost on that dreadful of all days in the Garden of Eden! With out the grace of God in him, Man cannot come to any understanding of what LOVE really is, and what the loss of LOVE really means!

We must love God! He has commanded us to love Him. Our holi-ness depends upon our love for God. Our actions, even the most noble of our actions, are worth nothing without our pure LOVE for God in them. Indeed, our salvation is in no way possible without the LOVE of God. The test of our love is our total fulfillment of the Divine Will of our Divine Father.

Who brings souls to salvation? Most certainly ? not we! It is Jesus Crucified, ? not man incarnate, who has been saving souls ? and Who continues to save them by applying the infinite merits of His Bleeding in horrible expiation. At the most, and due to the condescension of Jesus Christ, Man can become a cooperator in the salvation of souls, but only in proportion to His complete union with Jesus Christ and His love for him. Our actions have supernatural value ONLY if they are motivated by love for Christ, and Him crucified. Everything that St. Paul says about love as related to the supernatural value of our actions may be applied to our apostolate for the benefit of saving other souls. The charity of which we here speak of does not mean the simple kindnesses proffered to somebody. Without Charity ? LOVE ? all our words, were the spoken or written or whichever way distributed, are nothing more than "tinkling cymbals." All our knowledge, and research, and quoting, and proving would profit us nothing without the LOVE of God dwelling in us. We may be preachers, great public speakers, journalists, organizers, polemicists, publishers or we may be able to gain the attention of every man on earth, but if the charity of Jesus Christ does not burn in us we are not apostles! We will never be apostles! An apostle is one who speaks and acts only in the Name of Jesus Christ. And apostle is one who is in intimate in all times with Christ. And apostle is one who is humbly inflamed by the same love of God the Father as he is affected by the passionate zeal in him for saving souls. An apostle is one who inspires conscientious and correct dispositions in the life and soul of Man. □